

# **Wastewater Management Commission (WWMC)**

## **Meeting minutes March 03, 2008**

(Approved by WWMC on March 17, 2008)

**Meeting time:** 4:30 p.m.

**Location:** Tiverton Community Center

**Members present:** John Christo, Don Wilbur, Ray Joubert, Leroy Kendricks, Colleen Stanton & Stephen York.

**Also in attendance:** John Lincourt, (WWS) Wastewater Superintendent

Steve Berlucchi: Public Works Director

Chris Nearpass: Tiverton Resident

1. The minutes of the 11 February 2008 meeting as recorded by the Secretary of the Commission were unanimously approved on a motion by Raymond Joubert, seconded by Steve York.

**2. Discussion of current issues:** John Lincourt reported on a current issue summary, which he prepared at the request of the Town Administrator and chairperson of the WWMC. The issues with additional comments from the WWMC are as follows:

### **SEWERS:**

**Long Range Planning** – A need for the Facility plan updating? Leroy Kendricks reported he contacted RIDEM concerning facility plan updating, which can vary from reaffirmation, amendment and/or a full new town plan. Sewers can be installed in the current approved area without additional updates to the facility plan.

**Existing Sewers** - Country View Estates, Villages on Mt Hope Bay Complex,  
Other smaller areas, total approx 500 users

**Sewer item issues** - Ponta Pump Station-repair/replacement?

- Mt Hope Bay Interceptor - Correction of line installation

- flow meter replacement

- Sewer Line not accepted by the town of Tiverton

- Sewer Betterments – Waiting for response from Town Solicitor

- Delinquent Accounts – 36 accounts, total \$28,498.62

- Proposed Sewer Developments under review/pending:

- Bourne Mill (267 units)

- Bayview Condominiums (52 units)

- Harbor Ridge (14 units)

- Amarello (5 units)

- Wattupa Plantations (on hold)

- Tiverton Village/Hazenjager property (184 units)- outside the present sewer area

**Budget** - Enterprise fund - \$278,187 this current FY

### **ONSITE WASTEWATER: (Enacted July 2006)**

#### **Community Septic System Loans Program (CSSLP):**

- Funds available for town residents who qualify for a low interest loan to repair or replace their failed septic system or replace their cesspool.

- Town can acquire funds in \$300,000.00 amounts. At present the entire first \$300,000.00 amount has been loaned out. Plans are to request further funds.

**Inspections:** – Some deficiencies in the Stafford Pond area were noted this past summer.

- Next area will need to be geographically defined.

- Further regulations for inspection results are needed in the town Ordinance

**Computer Tracking:** – Program from Carmody Data System Inc. (\$ 100.00 per year)

**RI Wastewater Information System (RIWIS):** – Tiverton is a community member

**Budget:** – Onsite wastewater program funded from the general fund. (Current level \$15,985.00)

**3. PRIORITY LIST:** WWMC requested J. Lincourt to make a list of projects to be supported with funding from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program.

**4. Acceptance of Ford Farm Sewer lines**

Mr. Berlucchi requested that the WWMC recommend to the Town Council to accept the Ford Farm Sub-division sewer line. J. Lincourt submitted a memo to the WWMC, Town Council and Planning Board that addresses this issue. This memo dated 2/28/2008 states that all required documentation has been received, inspection has been conducted and the required easements have been recorded. Mr. Berlucchi agrees with this memo. A motion was made by Ray Joubert, second by Don Wilbur **to recommend to the Tiverton Town Council to accept the Ford Farm Sub-division sewer line.** Motion was unanimously approved.

**5. On-Site Wastewater –**

**a. Issues to be discussed w/Tiverton Town Council –** J. Lincourt notified the WWMC that a number of Tiverton residents couldn't afford to repair/replace their failed septic systems. A procedure to handle this situation must be addressed with the Town council.

**b. 2008 Kickoff meeting for Inspectors (w/ Jamestown & Charlestown)**

J. Lincourt will attend a meeting with representatives from Jamestown and Charlestown.

**c. Stafford Pond Inspections –** J. Lincourt reported that only two inspections were conducted during the month of February. Letters will be sent to the 100 Stafford Pond residents who have not inspected their septic system.

**d. Community Septic System Loan Program (CSSLIP) –** Rhode Island Housing is requesting the Town of Tiverton to notify them if they should go forward with loan # 07-017 and waive the debt to income ratio (cannot exceed 45%) in order to close. The loan applicant has a debt to income ratio of 49.38%. A motion made by Ray Joubert, second by Don Wilbur to grant the wavier was unanimously approved.

**6. Properties to be removed from Stafford Pond Watershed listing. -** Don Wilbur was excused from this discussion. J. Lincourt reported that three properties (17, 19 Frazier Lane and the Four Corners Church) requested to be removed from the Stafford Pond watershed area. Upon review and discussion of memo dated 3/3/2008 to the WWMC from J. Lincourt the following motion was made. A motion was made by Colleen Stanton, second by Steve York **to exclude properties 17,19 Frazier Lane and the Four Corners Church from the Stafford Pond Watershed area.** 5 members of the WWMC with Don Wilbur abstaining approved motion.

**7. WasteWater Superintendent's Bi Weekly report**

(No vote taken or necessary on any of John's reported issues)

**a. Hasenjaeger property (Toll Brothers Inc) report of Mtg w/Town Council –** J. Lincourt with support from Ray Joubert attended the Town Council meeting on 2/25/2008 to address this topic due to the Council's placement of this topic on their agenda. J. Lincourt submitted a memo to the Council and Planning board informing them that Toll Brothers Inc had approached the WWMC to review their proposal for connection to the sewer line for a proposed development of 184 units. The memo presented several key issues, which the WWMC took into account, which lead to our having no objection for Toll Brothers to continue with their proposal. Memo was sent to give the Town Council as a "heads up" on this issue and to inform the Planning Board of our initial position on this project.

**8. Mtg Time change –** All WWMC members agreed to change the start time of the WWMC meetings to 5:00 PM. J. Christo will submit a memo to the town clerk requesting the meeting start time change be made beginning in April 2008. Future meeting dates remain the same.

**9.** A motion to adjourn was made at 6:50 p.m. by Ray Joubert, second by Steve York. Passed unanimously. The next schd mtg is March 17, 2008 @ 4:30p.m. at Tiverton Community Center.

Submitted by: John S. Christo, Secretary